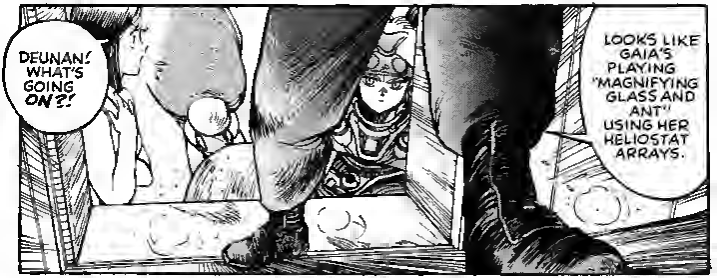
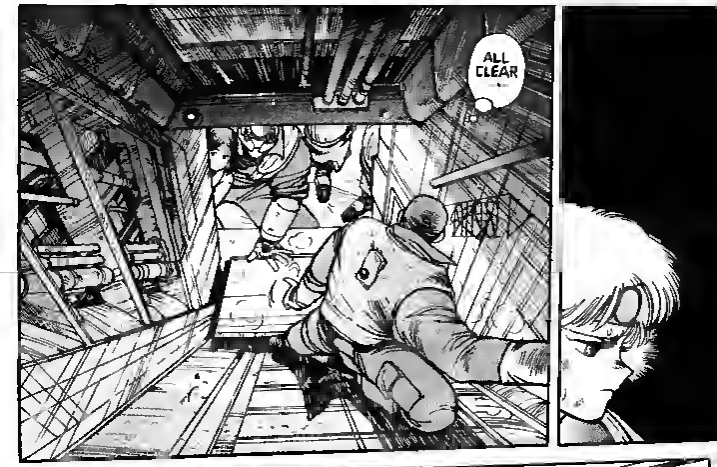
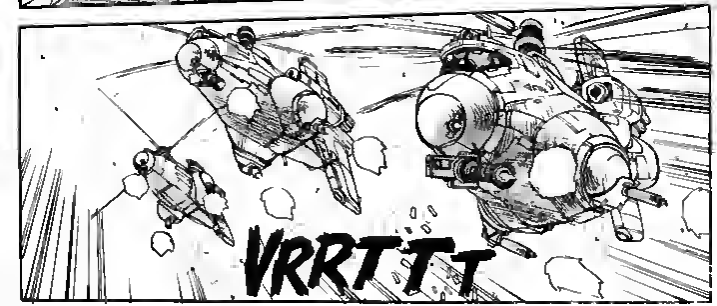
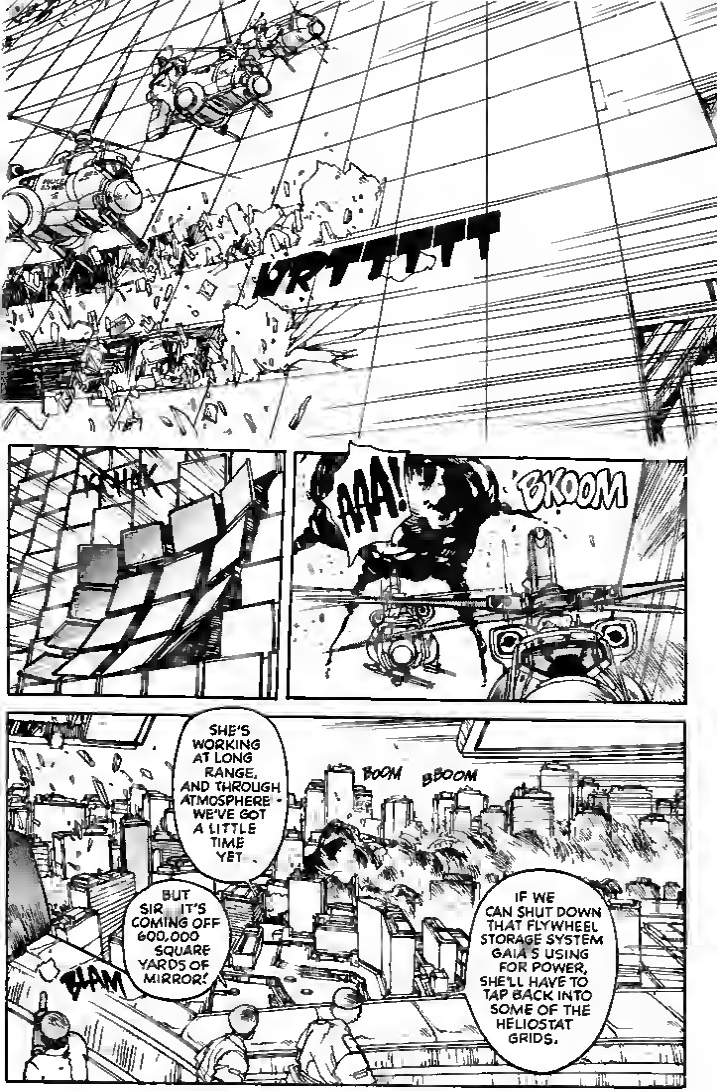
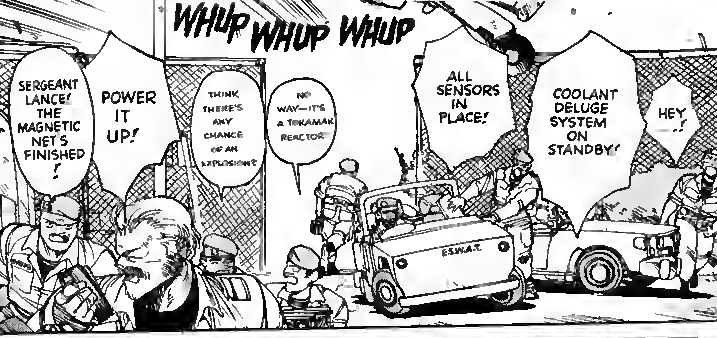
12. THE BATTLE OF TYPHON PART II

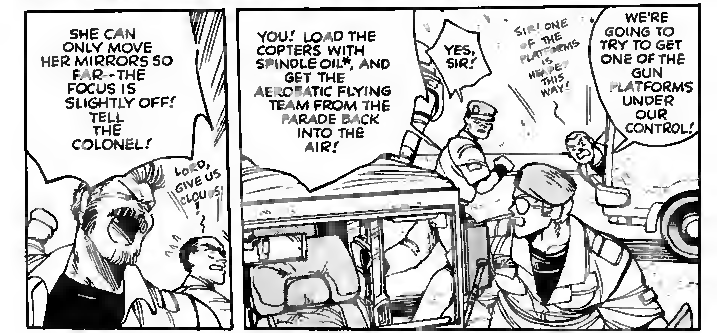







VRTTTTT
KCHAK
AAA!
BKOOM
SHE'S WORKING AT LONG RANGE, AND THROUGH ATMOSPHERE - WE'VE GOT A LITTLE TIME YET.
BOOM
BBOOM
BUT SIR... IT'S COMING OFF 600,000 SQUARE YARDS OF MIRROR!
IF WE CAN SHUT DOWN THAT FLYWHEEL STORAGE SYSTEM GAIA'S USING FOR POWER, SHE'LL HAVE TO TAP BACK INTO SOME OF THE HELIOSTAT GRIDS.
BLAM

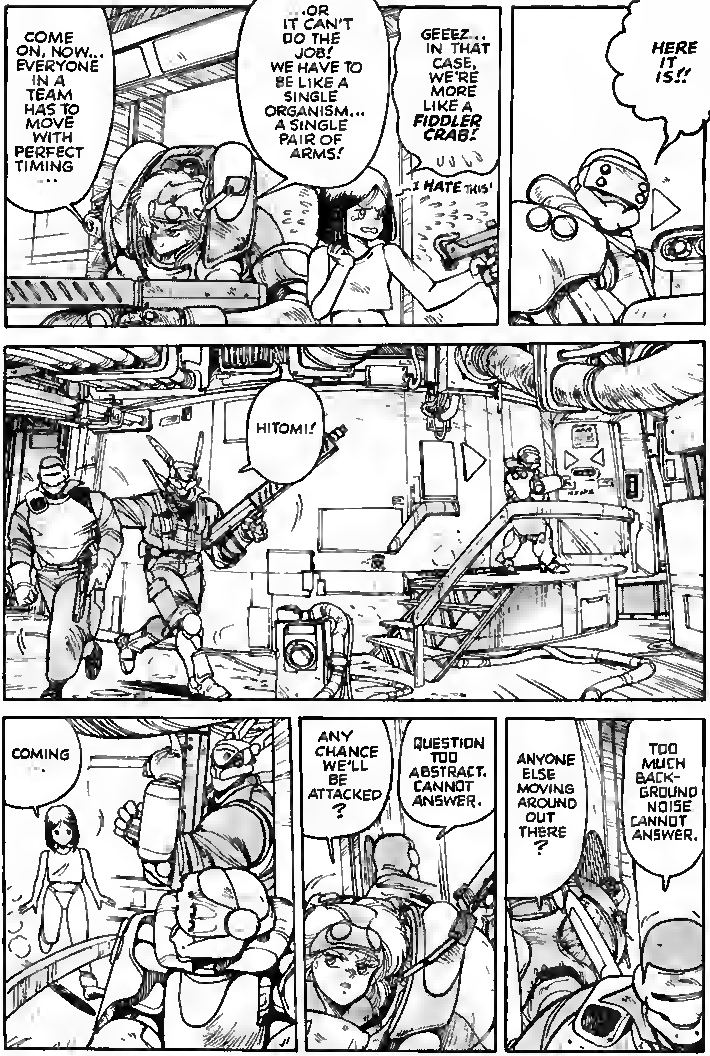


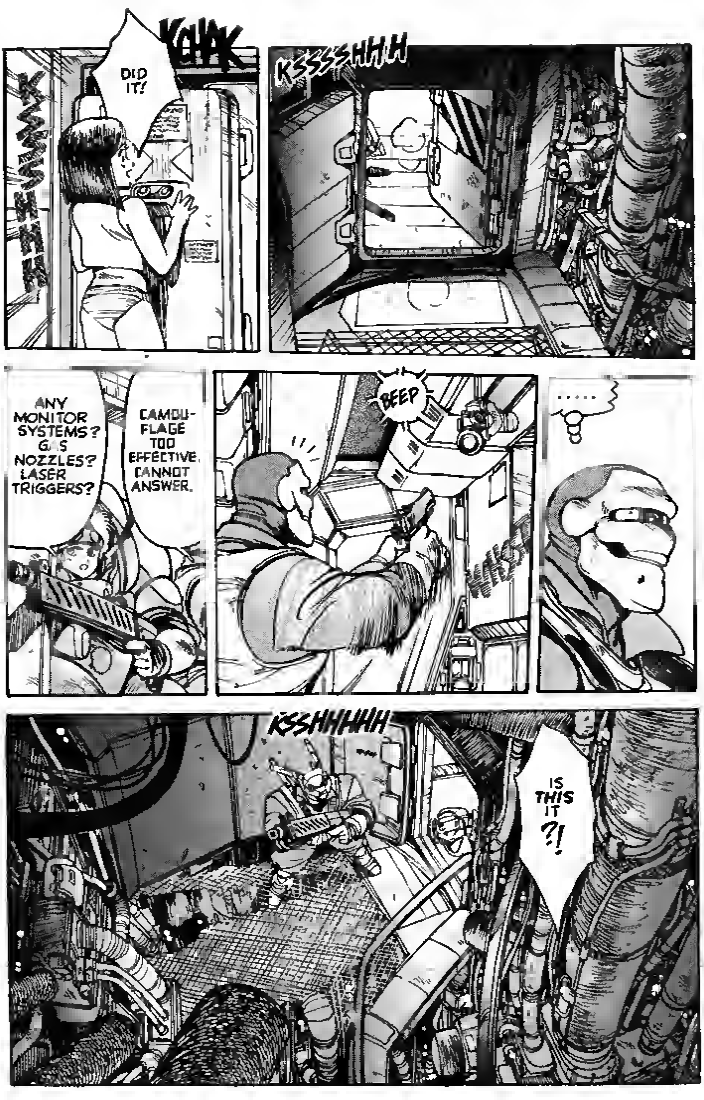

SHE CAN ONLY MOVE HER MIRRORS SO FAR—THE FOCUS IS SLIGHTLY OFF! TELL THE COLONEL!
LORD, GIVE US CLOUDS!
YOU! LOAD THE COPTERS WITH SPINDLE OIL*, AND GET THE AEROBATIC FLYING TEAM FROM THE PARADE BACK INTO THE AIR!
YES, SIR!
SIR! ONE OF THE PLATFORMS IS HEADING THIS WAY!
WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO GET ONE OF THE GUN PLATFORMS UNDER OUR CONTROL!

* INJECTED INTO AIRCRAFT ENGINES TO GENERATE SMOKE FOR AEROBATIC PERFORMANCES.

BEEP
MMM
AMAZING THIS ELEVATOR CAN MOVE WITH ALL THIS WEIGHT ON IT...
HEY, NOW I KNOW WHERE WE ARE! INSIDE ONE OF THE SUPPORT PILLARS--THAT'S WHY WE KEEP CHANGING ANGLE!
WE SHOULD HAVE KEPT TRACK OF THINGS...NOW WE DON'T KNOW WHEN WE'LL GET THERE.
BEEP
KRANG
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
!
THD
KSSSHHH

WELL?
YOSHI! ARE WE DIRECTLY UNDER GAIA?
DAMN IT, I DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL THIS JUNK ANY BETTER THAN YOU DO!
ALL RIGHT.. IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, WARN EVERYBODY FIRST! KEEP THAT MUZZLE POINTED AT THE CEILING AND FOLLOW ME.. YOU GOT THAT?!
IT'S A FULL AUTO!
HOLD IT DOWN WHEN YOU SHOOT!
AND DON'T POINT IT AT ME!
AW, GEEEEZ..! I HATE THIS... I'M SCARED!
YOU SHOULD BE PRETTY SAFE.. JUST DON'T GET DISTRACTED!
THIS THING IS HEAVY!
BUT DEUNAN..!! DO I HAVE TO..?!


COME ON, NOW... EVERYONE IN A TEAM HAS TO MOVE WITH PERFECT TIMING...
...OR IT CAN'T DO THE JOB! WE HAVE TO BE LIKE A SINGLE ORGANISM... A SINGLE PAIR OF ARMS!
GEEEZ... IN THAT CASE, WE'RE MORE LIKE A FIDDLER CRAB!
I HATE THIS!
HERE IT IS!!
HITOMI!
COMING...
ANY CHANCE WE'LL BE ATTACKED?
QUESTION TOO ABSTRACT. CANNOT ANSWER.
ANYONE ELSE MOVING AROUND OUT THERE?
TOO MUCH BACK-GROUND NOISE CANNOT ANSWER.


KCHK
DID IT?
KSSSSHHH
ANY MONITOR SYSTEMS? GAS NOZZLES? LASER TRIGGERS?
CAMOU-FLAGE TOO EFFECTIVE. CANNOT ANSWER.
BEEP
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KSSHHHHH
IS THIS IT ?!

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